because the old father threatened to disinherit the boy unless he got married soon. Local persons entered into the matter and found that the boy would be disinherited. As there was a chance of the will being executed immediately—arrangements having been made for writing it—exemption was granted. In another case, girl was 12 years old, the bridegroom had married the girl's elder sister who died leaving an only child of tender years. The girl was reported to be of very good health. (*Laughter*). Another was the case of a girl 11 days short of 14 years, another 6 days short of 14. Again the stars intervened and we had make room for the planetary positions. Another case, 13 years—(father 65 years reported to be seriously ill, having no chance of complete recovery). Again in another case, the girl was 12 years old, the father reported to be seriously ill—medical certificate was produced—and the girl having no other relative to conduct the marriage if not performed during the life time of the father. Another case was of a fatherless girl—grandfather aged 62.—Nobody to conduct a wedding after the death of the grand father—the girl had a very good match. (*Laughter.*) So exemption was granted. Then another case—daughter Lekshmi—13 years—father died suddenly while in service as Sub-Registrar leaving a widow and six children—girl grown up and the widow was in delicate health—a good match was available. Another a motherless girl—2 days short of 14 years. These are the kind of exemptions. In the majority of cases planetary positions intervened.

*Temporary Ayurveda Vaidyasala during Makaravilakku.*

477 *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many temporary Ayurveda Vaidyasalas were opened during Makaravilakku in 1120 and the places at which they were opened;

(*b*) the number of pilgrims treated in those Vaidyasalas during 1119 and 1120;

(*c*) the amount sanctioned for the preparation of medicines during 1119 and 1120; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the present supply of Ayurvedic medicines are too inadequate to meet the increasing demand?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Vaidyasalas were opened at Erumeli, Pampa and Sabarimala;

(*b*) The number of pilgrims treated is given below:—

| *Year.* | *Erumeli.* | *Pampa.* | *Sabarimala.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1119 | 5315 | 5794 | 4795 |
| 1120 | 6228 | 6494 | 6001 |

(*c*) Rs. 75 for each of the Vaidyasalas at Pampa and Sabarimala in both the years, besides a lump sum of Rs. 60 in 1119 and Rs. 50 in 1120, by way of special grant-in-aid to a vaidyan, including cost of medicines, for conducting the temporary dispensary at Erumeli;

(*d*) There were reports that the supply of medicines was not sufficient to meet the increasing demand.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government take the necessary steps to see that adequate supply is made?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, certainly Sir.

*Ayurveda Hospital at Sachivottamapuram.*

478 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken through the department to open an Ayurveda Hospital at Sachivottamapuram, and if so, the nature of the action taken?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The question of opening a grant-in-aid Vaidyasala at the place is under consideration.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY: ചിങ്ങപുരത്തുള്ള എയിഡഡ് വൈദ്യശാല സചിവോത്തമപുരത്തേക്ക് മാറി സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നത് നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റിനു ഉദ്ദേശമുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: ആ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്. താമസിയാതെ ഉത്തരവു പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കും.

*Ayurveda Hospital in North Travancore.*

479 *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state if it is or is not a fact that there is no Ayurveda Hospital anywhere in North Travancore?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: There is one Ayurveda Hospital in North Travancore (at Velliyappalli, Palai) getting grant-in-aid from Government.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: In answer to the question it is given that "there is one Ayurveda hospital in North Travancore (Velliappally, Palai) getting grant-in-aid from Government." Will the honourable member be pleased to state why North Travancore is neglected in the matter of Ayurvedic hospitals.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: In North Travancore there are more than 34 grant-in-aid vaidyasalas. More will be opened hereafter.

*Ayurveda Hospitals.*

480 *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state how many Ayurveda Hospitals are there in the State and the places where they are at present conducted?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER:

*Government Hospitals:*

1. Trivandrum.
2. Neyyattinkara.

*Grant-in-aid Hospitals.*

1. Nagercoil.
2. Kattathura—(Sidha)
3. Kilimanoor,
4. Quilon.
5. Velliyappalli (Palai,) } (Temporary)

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